

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-13 (cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of recording, substantially contiguously, an earlier record information signal and, subsequently, a later record information signal on a record carrier, each record information signal representing at least one
5 information unit, said record carrier having a recording track ~~which comprises~~comprising pre-formed track position information indicative of predefined locations for consecutively recording information units, said method comprising the steps:
— generating, from the earlier record information signal, an
10 earlier modulated signal having at least one error correction code block, each error correction code block corresponding to one information unit and comprising successive frames, each frame including a synchronizing signal;
— scanning said recording track and recording the earlier
15 modulated signal, while controlling such recording so as to maintain a substantially fixed relationship between the track position information and the synchronizing signals of the earlier modulated signal;

—_____generating, from the later record information signal, a
20 later modulated signal having at least one error correction code
block, each error correction code block corresponding to one
information unit and comprising successive frames, each frame
including a synchronizing signal;
—_____adding a preceding information signal to the later
25 modulated signal, said preceding information signal containing no
synchronizing signal so as to obtain a first predetermined distance
between the beginning of the preceding information signal and a
first synchronizing signal of a first error correction code block
of the later modulated signal; and
30 —_____scanning said recording track and recording the later
modulated signal, while controlling such recording so as to
maintain a substantially fixed relationship between the track
position information and the synchronizing signals of the later
modulated signal, ~~and~~
35 —wherein the first synchronizing signal of the first error
correction code block of the later modulated signal is recorded at
a nominal position of the first synchronizing signal of the first
error correction code block of the later modulated signal.

15. (Currently Amended) A—The method as claimed in claim ~~11~~14,
wherein the recording of the earlier modulated signal is stopped
before the nominal position of the first synchronizing signal of

the first error correction code block of the later modulated signal
5 so as to obtain a second predefined distance between the end of the
earlier modulated signal and the nominal position of the first
synchronizing signal of the first error correction code block of
the later modulated signal.

16. (Currently Amended) A device for recording, substantially
contiguously, an earlier record information signal and,
subsequently, a later record information signal on a record
carrier, each information signal representing at least one
5 information unit, said record carrier having a recording track
~~which comprises~~ comprising pre-formed track position information
indicative of predefined locations for consecutively recording
information units, the device comprising:

_____ modulation means for generating, from the earlier record
10 information signal and from the later record information signal,
correspondingly an earlier modulated signal and a later modulated
signal, respectively, each modulated signal having at least one
error correction code block, each error correction code block
corresponding to one information unit and comprising successive
15 frames, each frame including a synchronizing signal, ~~and~~ and
_____ recording means for scanning said recording track and
recording said modulated signals, ~~and for said recording means~~
maintaining, during said recording, a substantially fixed

relationship between the track position information and the
20 synchronizing signals of said modulated signals,
_____ wherein the modulation means ~~are arranged for adding~~adds a
preceding information signal to the later modulated signal, said
preceding information signal containing no synchronizing signal so
as to obtain a first predetermined distance between the beginning
25 of the preceding information signal and a first synchronizing
signal of a first error correction code block of the later
modulated signal,
_____ and wherein the recording means ~~are arranged for~~
~~recording~~records the first synchronizing signal of the first error
30 correction code block of the later modulated signal at a nominal
position of the first synchronizing signal of the first error
correction code block of the later modulated signal.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~3~~16,
wherein the recording means ~~are arranged for stopping~~stops the
recording of the earlier modulated signal before the nominal
position of the first synchronizing signal of the first error
5 correction code block of the later modulated signal so as to obtain
a second predefined distance between the end of the earlier
modulated signal and the nominal position of the first
synchronizing signal of the first error correction code block of
the later modulated signal.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~3~~16, wherein said first or second predefined distance is smaller than a distance over which errors are correctable on the basis of error codes comprised in an error correction code block.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~5~~18, wherein the modulation means ~~are arranged for including~~includes at least two layers of error codes, and said first or second predefined distance is smaller than a distance over which errors
5 are correctable on the basis of the error codes of the first layer.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~5~~18, wherein each modulated signal comprises channel words representing corresponding information signal and the error codes, and said first or second predefined distance substantially corresponds to
5 half the length of a channel word.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~4~~17, wherein the second predefined distance is smaller than the first predefined distance.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The device as claimed in claim ~~3~~16, wherein the modulation means ~~are arranged for variably selecting~~

selects the first predefined distance between a minimum and a maximum value.

23. (Currently Amended) A-The device as claimed in claim 316, wherein the preceding information signal comprises variable random data.

24. (Currently Amended) A-The device as claimed in claim 316, wherein the device further comprises means for processing or compressing digital or analog input signals, such as audio and/or video, to units of information.